

# CHARITON COURIER.

G. P. VANDIVER, Ed. and Prop.

KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### CONSTABLE.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
L. A. EMBREE,

as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
M. L. FINNELL,

as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
W. P. THRASH,

as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

### COLLECTOR.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
LOUIS FETZER,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
J. T. JEFFERSON,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
WM. M. COCK, JR.,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
GEORGE C. MARTIN,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
GEORGE T. TISDALE,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
CLIFF MOORE,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
A. S. WILKS,

as a candidate for Collector, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th, 1899.

### TRUSTEE.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
L. C. WELLS,

as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
A. D. HURT,

as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
J. M. DEMOSS,

as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

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D. H. HANCOCK,

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H. A. WHEELER,

as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

The COURIER is authorized to announce  
WILLIAM S. DRACE,

as a candidate for School Commissioner of Chariton county, subject to the decision of the voters at the school election to be held Tuesday, April 4th.

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The COURIER is authorized to announce  
F. H. CARMON,

as a candidate for Clerk and Ex-Officio Assessor, subject to the decision of the voters of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th, 1899.

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J. T. COOLEY,

as a candidate for Road Overseer, subject to the decision of the voters of Road District No. 2 of Keytesville township, Tuesday, March 28th.

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## Tax Collections.

The following shows the per cent of tax collections made by the various township collectors of Chariton county for the year 1898, and also comparisons with collections for 1897. The belt for the largest per cent of collections for 1898 was captured by E. P. Feaker of Salt Creek township, but F. F. Hamilton of Yellow Creek township only fell behind Mr. Feaker 19.33 per cent:

BEE BRANCH—J. F. WILSON, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$2,191.27  
Delinquent land tax..... 60.48  
Delinquent personal tax..... 29.05  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 96; for 1897, 95 1-12.

BOWLING GREEN—A. G. FRIESZ, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$3,452.91  
Delinquent land tax..... 127.11  
Delinquent personal tax..... 24.41  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 95 3-5; for 1897, 94 1-5.

BRUNSWICK—M. A. KNAPPENBERGER, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$10,627.11  
Delinquent land tax..... 354.80  
Delinquent personal tax..... 271.25  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 94 1-10; for 1897, 95 1-3.

CHARITON—HENRY N. ROHWER, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$2,122.57  
Delinquent land tax..... 168.34  
Delinquent personal tax..... 19.57  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 91 1-2; for 1897, 90.

CLARK—WILLIS G. RAY, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$1,878.91  
Delinquent land tax..... 82.01  
Delinquent personal tax..... 41.88  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 93 1-3; for 1897, 93 1-7.

COCKRELL—C. B. KAVANAUGH, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$1,634.64  
Delinquent land tax..... 92.06  
Delinquent personal tax..... 31.82  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 92 1-3; for 1897, 92 3-4.

CUNNINGHAM—FRANK WANNAMAKER, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$4,307.48  
Delinquent land tax..... 83.50  
Delinquent personal tax..... 55.11  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 96 3-4; for 1897, 94 1-5.

KEYTESVILLE—M. L. FINNELL, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$9,941.10  
Delinquent land tax..... 506.39  
Delinquent personal tax..... 168.10  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 93 1-5; for 1897, 94 1-5.

MENDON—A. J. DODD, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$3,255.33  
Delinquent land tax..... 155.58  
Delinquent personal tax..... 19.76  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 94 1-2; for 1897, 94.

MISSOURI—ANDREW LABUS, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$1,289.27  
Delinquent land tax..... 97.20  
Delinquent personal tax..... 16.80  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 91 1-6; for 1897, 96 1-2.

MUSSEL FORK—C. H. ALLEN, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$1,769.97  
Delinquent land tax..... 78.71  
Delinquent personal tax..... 18.46  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 94 1-2; for 1897, 91 1-2.

SALISBURY—S. B. ELLIOTT, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$14,047.87  
Delinquent land tax..... 1,396.78  
Delinquent personal tax..... 246.51  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 88 1-3; for 1897, 89 1-2.

SALT CREEK—E. P. FEAKER, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$2,985.26  
Delinquent land tax..... 9.99  
Delinquent personal tax..... 9.99  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 99 2-3; for 1897, 99 1-3.

TRIPLETT—C. H. DOBYS, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$4,171.19  
Delinquent land tax..... 31.40  
Delinquent personal tax..... 41.51  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 98 1-4; for 1897, 97 1-2.

WAYLAND—COLUMBUS GRAY, COLLECTOR.  
Amount of tax-book.....\$2,653.95  
Delinquent land tax..... 139.35  
Delinquent personal tax..... 47.98  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 93; for 1897, 97 1-5.

## YELLOW CREEK—F. F. HAMILTON, COLLECTOR.

Amount of tax-book.....\$4,471.43  
Delinquent land tax..... 9.45  
Delinquent personal tax..... 30.85  
Per cent of collections for 1898, 99 1-11; for 1897, 99 3-5.

The average per cent of tax collections for 1898 is 94 1-3, while in 1897 the average was 94 3-4, making a decrease for 1898 of 5-12 per cent as compared with 1897.

## Purmeo Billeter's Will.

The following is the last will and testament of the late Purmeo Billeter of Bynumville, which was admitted to probate, Friday, March 10th:

"I give and devise to my beloved wife, Nancy Billeter, all and every, my messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, with the appurtenances whereof I am seized, in fee, situate, lying and being in the county of Chariton, state of Missouri, to wit: The nw qr ne qr 35, and the ne qr nw qr 35, and the e hf nw qr nw qr 35, all in 56-17, containing, in all, 100 acres, more or less. This she is to have and to hold, with all of the immunities thereto belonging, during the period of her natural life, after which date I give and devise the said lands to my children and their heirs in the following order:

"To my son, Wm. J. Billeter, I give and devise the nw qr ne qr 35-56-17; to my daughter, Malinda J. Pitts, the ne qr ne qr 35-56-17; to Robt. H. Lamb, son of my daughter, Mary H. Lamb, I give and devise the e hf nw qr nw qr 35-56-17; but as this last tract of land is not equal in size or value to either of the others named, I herein provide that Wm. J. Billeter and Malinda J. Pitts shall each pay to the said Robt. H. Lamb \$100 cash within 12 months after the probating of this will.

"Whereas, I and my said wife, Nancy, did by our deed of general warranty, dated January 30th, 1884, convey to Wm. H. Ramsey, husband of Anna E. Ramsey, one of our daughters, the se ne qr 35-56-17, which said conveyance was made as a gift, and said land at said time having fair improvements thereon, I herein provide that the said land shall be the share and interest of the said Anna E. Ramsey and her heirs shall inherit of my estate, both real and personal.

"Whereas, I and my said wife, Nancy, by our general warranty deed of same date conveyed to our son, Chas. R. Billeter, the se qr ne qr 35-56-17, and as said conveyance was made as a gift, I herein provide that the said land shall be his share and interest in and to my real estate.

"Lastly, as to all of the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate whatsoever: After payment of all of my just debts I give and bequeath to my said wife for her use and benefit during her natural life, excepting only so much thereof as will be necessary to lawfully carry out the provisions of this, my last will and testament, and settle my estate. After the decease of my wife, whatsoever of my personal estate is left shall be equally divided between Chas. R. and Wm. J. Billeter, Malinda J. Pitts and Robt. E. Lamb.

"I hereby appoint Chas. R. Billeter as my sole executor of this, my last will and testament."

The will was made the twenty-second day of May, 1888, and the testator's signature thereto was witnessed by Luther Logan, M. J. Logan and Henry Barkley.

## Rev. George Robert Cairns.

Rev. A. J. Frost, an eminent Baptist divine of Los Angeles, Cal., speaks in the following eulogistic terms of Rev. George Robert Cairns, an able evangelist, who is expected to be with Rev. B. W. N. Simms, the pastor-in-charge, during a protracted meeting, which will be begun at the Baptist church in Keytesville in the early part of next month:

"There are evangelists, and evangelists. They are abroad in the land, and they are foreordained and predestinated to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Some pastors are opposed to all evangelists. All pastors are opposed to some evangelists. Evangelists, like pastors, are good, bad and indifferent. We have known and employed all three classes. The bad we do not want again; the indifferent need not apply, but the good are always welcome. They may come to us again and again. How is it that some evangelists are never invited to hold a meeting in the same place the second time? How is it that other evangelists are invited to the same place half a dozen times? To ask the question is to answer it. It gives us pleasure to speak of one evangelist in the most unqualified terms. We believe him to be the leading Baptist evangelist of the United States. He has held meetings for the past few weeks in Southern California, and the churches and the pastors in Redlands, San Bernardino, Monrovia and Los Angeles are unanimous in regarding him as one of the very best in our denomination. Wise in his methods, pungent and practical in his preaching, genial and amiable in his spirit and courageous in dealing with skeptics and infidels. He knows the difference between the law and the gospel, and when to preach the law and the gospel. He addresses the reason, the intellect, the conscience. His converts are mostly men. He brings the undecided to a decision; he guides the will. He brings things to pass. These are results, blessed results. He leaves a church far better than he found it. Such an evangelist is George Robert Cairns. Happy the church that employs him. His sermons on "Nicodemus," "The Unpardonable Sins," "Hypocrites," "Blind Bartimeus," can hardly be surpassed for effectiveness and solemnity. His Bible readings are most helpful and practical; while his lectures to "Men Only" and to "Women Only" are the best we ever heard. He does not count God's converts, neither do we, yet the number who confess Christ in His holy ordinance of baptism is most gratifying. We have recently baptised six men as a result of the meetings, besides others, and more are ready to obey the Lord's command. We shall never forget the two weeks' meetings held in and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and under the co-operation of the church and Brother Cairns. May the Lord bless him more abundantly in our prayer."

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## Real Estate Transfers.

Chas. L. Curtis and wife to Ella and Rice Wallace, a certain 10-acre tract of land off of the e side of a 30-acre tract on s side se qr sw qr 32-54-19. Consideration, \$300.

E. M. Conger to Wm. R. and Jos. A. Klepper, sw qr sw qr 11-55-21. Consideration, \$280.

H. C. Zillman and wife to W. S. Callahan, n hf se qr 9-54-10. Consideration, \$1,800.

Nelson Bowman and wife to Vitula Bowman, that portion of the sw qr of 3-53-20, described by metes and bounds, commencing at a point on the e side of said section adjoining the sw cor of blk 6 in Brinker's addition to the city of Brunswick. Consideration, \$450.

John M. Shannon and wife and Chas. Shannon (single) to Lenora Kiiting, lot 8 in blk 3 in the original town of Shannondale. Consideration, \$50.

James A. Stains and wife to D. B. Howard, lt 1 in blk 42 in the town of Sumner, subject to a deed of trust for \$200, which is assumed by the said D. B. Howard. Consideration, \$400.

Chas. Meyers and wife to Louis Benecke, e hf se qr se qr 22-53-18, and 18 1-2 acres in the ne frac. sec. 27-53-19, together with all accretions thereto. Consideration, \$412.

W. H. Brewer and wife to Fannie M. and James M. Ramsey, s hf e hf nw qr 34-56-17; also 78 acres, n hf sw qr 34-56-17, subject to a deed of trust for \$400 held by T. T. Elliott & Son, payment of which is assumed by the said Fannie M. and James M. Ramsey. Consideration, \$2,000.

F. M. Brecount and wife to Walter A. Wilkinson, sw qr 22-56-19, subject to a deed of trust held by the New England Loan and Trust Co. of New York City for \$2,000. Consideration, \$2,800.

C. C. Cole and wife to Chas. D. Stratton, 77 feet front of lt 21 in the village of Rothville and running same width south to center of the main channel of Yellow creek. Consideration, \$400.

Wm. H. Woods and wife to W. J. Bogard, n hf nw qr 15-55-20. Consideration, \$5,000.

G. A. Southerland and wife to W. E. Purvis, se qr se qr and 10 acres in the se cor sw qr se qr 15-56-21. Consideration, \$60.

Mary B. Neilson (widow) of Randolph county to Sarah C. Scott, lt 3 in blk 25, described by metes and bounds, commencing at a point on the south line of Broadway 36 feet from the nw cor of said lt 3 in the city of Brunswick, subject to a deed of trust held by C. W. Mason for \$350. Consideration, \$1,200.

## An Explanatory Letter.

The following letter from R. A. (Arthur) Dodd explains itself:

NEWHALL, Mo.,  
March 11th, 1899.

C. P. Vandiver, Keytesville, Mo., Editor Chariton Courier.

MY DEAR SIR:—I see in a late issue of the COURIER that you have written about me while I was in Kansas City, viz.: My arrest and subsequent plea of guilty. In order to let you and my friends know that I am not guilty of the deed I will make the following statement:

While in the establishment of Emery, Bird, Thayer & Co., Wednesday evening, February 22nd, I was looking at some books. A Bible and two blank books and one small dictionary I had selected, and had started to one of the other counters to select a story book. While going, in order to pass a lady, I had unconsciously put the hand I was carrying the books in, near my side and close to my coat pocket. The floor-walker came up just then and said: "Your presence is needed up-stairs," and he and a clerk standing near took me by the shoulder and arms and hustled me off up-stairs. I was confused. Being the first time I was arrested or accused of doing anything wrong it took me by surprise. I don't know what I said or did, but in my confusion I had dropped my hand into my pocket and let go of the books, so they told me to get everything out of my pockets that belonged to that firm; and when I had done so they sent for a policeman and he took me to headquarters, where I was confined until Thursday morning, when my relatives, hearing of me, (they wouldn't let me send word to them) came, and I had my trial and pleaded guilty in order that we could get away and come home that evening, for our railroad tickets expired that day, and I was afraid that in proving my innocence it might take more than a day, so I concluded to plead guilty, without the advice of my relatives. I was fined \$1 and costs, which amounted to \$10. I see where I made the mistake and am sorry for it, but knowing that I am not guilty I make these statements, and hope that this will satisfy my friends, I am as ever,

Yours Very Truly,  
R. A. (ARTHUR) DODD,  
Newhall, Mo.

## Resolutions of Respect.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Brothers of Keytesville Lodge, No. 477, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN:—We, your committee, to draft resolutions on the death of our late brother, Josiah G. Martin, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That we as a lodge deeply mourn the untimely end of our lamented brother, and the fact that he came to his death at his own hands makes it doubly sorrowful to us, as this mysterious act of his bears evidence to us that there doubtless was a load of trouble weighing upon his mind which, had we known, we might have helped to remove.

Resolved, That in the death of "Joe" Martin, as he was familiarly called, we deem our beloved order deprived of the influence of a once faithful and efficient member, his family of a kind and generous brother as well as an affectionate and loving father, and our community at large of a highly esteemed and honored citizen.

Resolved, That the principal chairs in the lodge-room be draped in mourning and the usual mourning badge be worn for a space of 30 days by our members.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be spread on the records of the lodge and a copy given to each of the Keytesville papers for publication.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. J. MOORE,  
B. H. SMITH, } Com.  
L. B. THRASH,

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of David D. Callahan, deceased, have been granted me by the probate court of Chariton county, bearing date February 20th, 1899. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having the same allowed, and if such claims are not presented within two years they shall be forever barred.

J. H. JENNINGS, Administrator.

Dr. A. C. SEISER,  
Dentist and Oral Surgeon.

TEETH extracted without pain. No charge made for extraction unless patient wants plates, Fine Gold Fillings, Crown and Bridge work a specialty. All work first-class and guaranteed. Office over Keytesville Mercantile Co's store Consultation free. Prices Moderate.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas, James F. Johnson (a single man), by his deed of trust, dated the twentieth day of December, 1886, and recorded in book 1, at page 316, of the records of the recorder of Chariton county, Missouri, conveyed to Edward C. Rowsell, then and there a certain parcel of real estate in the county of Chariton, state of Missouri, to wit: Twenty (20) acres, the west half (1-2) of the southwest quarter (1-4) of the northeast quarter (1-4), and section 15-100 acres, being the fractional west half (1-2) of the northeast quarter (1-4), all in section one (1), township fifty-four (54) north in range eighteen (18), west of the third principal meridian, containing in the aggregate ninety-four (94) and 15-100 acres, according to the government survey, in trust to secure the payment of the notes in said deed described, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said notes; now, therefore, at the request of the legal owner of said notes, and under the provisions of a trust, I, the undersigned, do hereby proceed to sell the above-described real estate at the east front door of the court-house, in the city of Keytesville, state aforesaid, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on

Saturday, March 25th, A. D., 1899, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to satisfy said trust, together with the costs and expenses of executing this trust.

EDWARD C. ROWSELL, Trustee.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue and authority of a special execution issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Chariton county, Missouri, returnable at the April term, 1899, of said court, and to me directed in favor of John Knappenberger, treasurer and ex-officio collector of Chariton county, Missouri, and against E. C. Rowsell, Charles Langert, J. A. Merchant and O. B. Anderson, for taxes for the years 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of said E. C. Rowsell, in and to the following described real estate, to wit:

Forty (40) acres in the northeast quarter (1-4) of the southwest quarter (1-4) of section twenty-eight (28), township fifty-three (53), range eighteen (18).

All lying and being in said county and state of Missouri, and I will, on Friday, the seventh day of April, A. D., 1899,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court-house, in the city of Keytesville, county of Chariton, state aforesaid, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand (prior to all prior liens or judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

J. R. DEMPSEY,  
Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri.